Important Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Clearing Out the Clerk's Office-All the Clerks ad Messengers Dismissed—The City Saved \$49,200—The New Pay Roll—The New Gerk Not Yet Appointed-A Report from the Chamberlain-Improvements at the Register's Office.

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The adjourned meeting of the Board was held esterday. All the members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and ap-

Alderman WILDER submitted the following reso Intion, which was approved, and ordered to be eferred to the Committee on Ferries when ap

That the Counsel of the Corporation be requested to inform the Board in relation to the franchise, ferry rights and con-fracts existing with the Brooklyn Ferry Company, the rates of fare which said company is authorized to charge, and size touching the acquirement or transferment of the rights and franchines held by the Long Island Ferry Company, and whether any action is required for the protection of the rights of the public.

THE ALDERMEN "WANT TO KNOW." Alderman Joyce proposed the following resolu-

REFORM AND STRINGHMENT.

Alderman FALCONER Momittee the following report from the Commisse on Clerks:—

The committee pointed to ascertain the number of clerks and oit. Sployes required to perform the necessary about of the following required to perform the necessary about of the following required to perform the necessary about of the following required for it. Oper discharge of their duties and the compensate of the following report to this libear the result of their direct to a minimum the expenditure of the Clerk's office, submit the following reports and recommendations:—

andilure of the curry standing the present number of em-boyes in the Clerk's office to be twenty-nine, at an annual spense to the city of \$78,300. That they have carefully considered the character of the wenty-nine offices and the usefulness of the number thus smployed, and are satisfied that the necessary labors of the lark's solice do not require so large a number of attaches her so heavy an expenditure of money in order to their

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That they be designated by the names and be paid the munual salaries specified in the following roll, giving attention to the business of the office during the hours of business.

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They would arge the practical adoption of this recommendation, calling the attention of the Board to the fact that, without ditherative or paraimony, an annual saving of \$49,200 can be effected by the city.

In relation to the resolution presented by Alderman Consever, and which was also referred to this committee, they would recommend its adoption, to wit, that all persons at present employed in the Clerk's office and holding positions under appointment by the late Board of Alderman or by the Clerk of said Board are hereby removed from office, and their places are declared vacant from this date.

THE OFFICER EXCOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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Alderman Van Schaick moved that the report be laid upon the table.

Alderman Conover said that he hoped that that part of the resolution having reference to the discharge of the present employes would be adopted, so that they could be removed from this date.

Alderman Joyce was of an opinion that the Board had no power to remove the clerks and employes. That power was vested in the Clerk.

Alderman Conover said that his object was to ent off this segree of expenditure at once. If the Board favored that resolution and sent it to the Comptroller there would be no more salary paid. The Clerk was only the agent of the Board, and anything done by him was done at the direction of the Board.

the Board.

In reply to an inquiry of Alderman Vance the Fresident ruled that it was competent for the Board to pass the resolution, and if passed legislatively it would be an operative resolution.

Alderman Joyoz said that it was his belief that it, John Hardy was still Clerk of the Board; that it was not in the power of the Board to remove the Wash of in the power of the Board to remove the Clark.

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Alderman Conover's resolution dismissing all the employes was adopted with only two dissentient voice—namely, Aldermen Coman and Plunkitt,
PRINTING OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
Alderman VANCE moved that the report of the committee, with the exception of the resolution just adopted, be printed, laid upon the table and made the special order at the next meeting.

ELECTION OF CLERK.

The PRESIDENT said that the next business in order was the election of Clerk.

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THE ADJOURNMENT.

Alderman MEHIEBACH moved that when the loard adjourn to Saturnay, at three clock, Adopted, He then moved that the Board djourn. The yeas and nays were taken, with the control of th O'Clock. Adopted. He then moved that the Board adjourn. The yeas and nars were taken, with the following result: Yeas—President, Conover, Fitzgerald, Joyce, McLaren, Mehroach, Radde, Coman. -Falconer, Gilsey, Vance, Scharch, Wilder,

Plunkitt.

The motion to adjourn prevaled by 8 to 6, and the Board adjourned.

Effect of the Action of the Board of Aldermen The action of the Board of Aldermen yesterday in lismissing all the cierks and other employes of the dismissing all the cierks and other employes of the late Board caused a great commotion among the office-holders, who formed in sad and slient groups in the corridors of the City Hall immediately after the meeting was over. Among those conversant with the municipal law there is some south whether this action is legal. In the act of 1870 and 1871, section 11, the following clause is sound:—"The cierk of each board shall appoint and remove at pleasure deputy clerks in his department, not to exceed the number now authorized by law or ordinance." This clause is variously construed, but there is sufficient doubt about it to excite inquiry.

Department of Docks.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of Docks was held resterday. Present—Commissioners Hart (presiding), Wood, Kane and Henry. Mr. Kane s'ill acted as secretary.

The Executive Committee reported in favor of ermitting the Mesers. Smith to build two platforms on pier 34 North River; to allow John G. Dale to build a platform on piles at piers 44 and 45 North River, to extend 60 feet into the river, Ac.: to an-thorize General McClellan to purchase tose for the Steaming Lewis, at an expense not exceeding \$500. led. erintendent Westervelt was authorized to erintendent westervelt was authorized to

Superintendent Westerveit was authorized to make the necessary repairs on piers 38 and 39 North River at the expense of the lessee.

Messra Fox & Co. were authorized to sub-let to Fox, Livingston & Co. pier 36 North River, they suff to be liable for the rent in the same; and the lessees of pier 31 North River were permitted to assign the same to Henderson & Co., of the Anchor Inte of Iteamers, on the same conditions.

Communications were received and referred, and the Board went into executive session.

The Chamberlain's Report.

Prancis A. Paimer, the newly appointed City

Chamberlain, yesterday made the following com-

munication to the Acting Mayor, a copy of which will also be furnished to the Comptroller:-OFFICE OF CITY CHAMBERLAIN, NEW YORK, Jan. 10, 1872, Hon. JOHN COCHEANE, Acting Mayor of the City of

son. John Cockerate, acting the york:

Sim—I take leave to inform you that I entered apon the duties of my office as Chamberlain of the oity of New York on the 8th lost, and that I have made personal examination of the securities and moneys pertaining to the office and delivered over to me by my predecessor, and I submit to you the following statement or the same, viz:

of me by my producessor, and adomit to following statement of the same, viz.:—

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Register, contemplated remering the building in which the offices are fit for the habitation of human beings, which, during the late Register's occupancy, it certainly has not been. In conformity with this determination cleansing processes and removal of the dirt of the place, to the extent of thirty cart loads, cleaning of windows and general repairs, have been going on. The General has had an estimate of the cost of more substantial and necessary improvements prepared and it amounts to \$45,600, which, it is hoped, he will have appropriated for this very desirable improvement.

POLITICAL REFORM.

An Anxillary Council of Political Reform Organized in the Tenth Ward.
A large number of the citizens of the Tenth ward met last evening at 69 Ludlow street, for the purpose of organizing a ward council of political re-form, auxiliary to the New York City Council. Mr. form, auxiliary to the New York City Council. Mr. John T. Joralemon was chosen to preside over the meeting. Before proceeding to business Mr. Pearce, the Secretary of the City Council, proceeded to state the object of the meeting and the necessity of an organization similar to what it is proposed to make this. He spoke at considerable length, alluding to the corrupt manner in which both the democratic and the republican in which both the democratic and the republican govern ourselves on republican principles has not as yet become a fixed fact. We must, he said, have a body of some wind that will faithfully watch over

as yet become a fixed fact. We must, he said, have a body of some and that will faithfully watch over and guard the citizen's interest in the great political arena. We know to our cost that we cannot trust either the parties now in existence. For several years past we have

of our citizens at the ballot box. The merchants, the religious portion of our community, and many of the better class of our mechanics, will not, as a rule, turn out on election day and cast their votes. We must get these men out, and that will be one of the principal objects of this organization.

At the conclusion of Mr. Pearce's remarks the Chairman read the constitution of the New York City Council, which was adopted as a whole without any amendments whatever.

A committee on nominations was then appointed by the Chair, who retired for a few moments, but returned again without naving selected any gentlemen to fill the prominent offices of the organization, giving as a reason for such non-action that they preferred to wait fill the next meeting, when they should have very many more members from which to make selection. Considerable debate ensued at this point, several gentlemen claiming that it were better to elect their officers at once, while the committee held opposite views. The matter was finally settled, however, by the Council's deciding to accept the report of the committee.

Colonel Davis now addressed the meeting on political economy and the evins of the present day, He was followed by Mr. Sanger, who spoke in the German language, after which the Council—those present having previously signed the roll—adjourned till next Wednesday evening.

THE ALLEGED HARBOR ABUSES.

Further Evidence Adduced-Conflicting State ments of Complainants-Wharfingers Fond

of Fees—Hart's Honesty. The investigation into the charges brought against Harbor Master Hart by a number of merchants and wharfingers was resumed at the office of the Captain of the Port yesterday morning. The first pusiness as a commission merchant at 151 Front street. His evidence was not very important, and principally tended to show that he preferred FEEING A WHARFINGER for providing borths for his vessels to adopting the

legitimate process of applying to the Harbor Master to have positions assigned them. Cushman was next sworn by Captain Jones

and examined by Mr. Ridgeway. He testified that he was a wharfinger at piers 2, 3 and 4 East River, which are in the canalboat district; was on those piers almost every day other than canalboats, lying there every week; sometimes put in vessels with the permission of the Harbor Master; occasionally had done so on his own responsibil ty, but had discontinued the practice in April, 1870, though possibly might have assigned a berth in December, 1870; saw the Lolla Murchison come up to pier No. 3 in tow of the Tebo, and saw the Tebo afterwards take her away; Hart gave me

berths in the canalogat district for three vesseis in becember, 1870; he gave me written permits, and nothing was paid for them.

At this stage of the proceedings William K. Niver, the wharfinger who gave such contradictory evidence on the last preceding day of hearing, was eagerly sought after by Colonel Davis, the counsel for the defence, and even the attorney for the complainants went in search of him. But he declined to

plainants went in search of aim. But he declined to FACE THE MUSTO, apparently, so Mr. William Knapp was called and sworn. He stated that he was a dealer in grain at 94 Broad street, and the owner of an elevator locatted on the opposite side of one of the piers controlled by Niver; having had some difficulty in getting herths for his vessels at pier No. 7. East River, he called upon Hart in order to see if something could not be done to obviate the inconvenience; that referred him to Niver, and the following day that wharfinger told him that he would have to come down with

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A PRETTY GOOD STAKE

If he wished to have things his own was; thought
the amount Niver mentioned was \$500; witness
consented to pay \$200, and delivered to Niver that
sum in two instalments; Niver was nearly as much
a stranger to witness as Hart; thought the money vas returned within

sum in two instalments; Niver was nearly as mucu a stranger to witness as Hart; thought the money was for Niver's benefit; it was returned within a week; Niver came and said the money was to be returned and asked if witness would receive it; deponent replied that of course he would; never paid Hart a cent for a berth, or any accommodation; no mention was ever made by Niver of a sum of \$1,000; did not think Niver ever assisted him in getting his vessels in or out of the stips; witness once GAVE NIVER A PHESENT in money, \$20; it was his impression, when he gave the \$200 to Niver, that it was not going into Hart's but Niver's pocket; he had never been asked by Niver to subscribe lowards a present for Hart.

Hy Captain Jones—Never informed the Captain of the Port that money had been extorted or demanded for privileges of the port.

Mr. Henney recalled and examined by Mr. Davis—On January 8, 1872, I filed a charge against Harbor Master Hart; there were then charges I had previously made against him under investigation by the Port Captain; of my own knowledge I know nothing of the truth of these charges; based them upon report; no one requested me to sign the charges; Mr. Benedict, my attorney in these cases, drew up the document of charges; other complainants in these cases have also employed him; I advised them to do so; neither Knapp nor Niver ever spoke to me about a pear ago and subsequently withdrawn; I did not say, before I filed the charges of January 8, that

I WOULD HAVE HART BEMOVED from the canaiboat district at whatever cost; never talked with Knapp about making the charges before they were sent in, but have conversed every day with Niver about them; never asked Niver to make these charges, but asked him to come into court and testify in the matter; Niver never betrayed any university of the berth, and never paid Hart anything for one; did not apply to a

STRONG'S STRANGE SUICIDE.

The Mysterious Moving Off of a Newark

Manufacturer,
Auntil yesterday Mr. William, A. Strong was a
member of the trunk manufacturing firm of Strong
& Blythe, doing business at 84 Fair street, Newark, M. J. in the early morning he was at the
factory, attending to business as usual. At about factory, attending to business as usual. At about ten o'clock he was missed, but his absence then caused no uneasiness. The day wore on without any signs of his turning unand at last a search was instituted. This resulted, about half-past three o'clock, in a boy finding tue missing gentleman hanging by the neck from a beam in the stable. The body was quite cold, life having, doubtless, fied hours before, the unfortunate gentleman had divested himself of his coat, hat, necktie and collat, and with the ald of a rope, the same as is used for securing bales of hay, swueg himself off a chair into death's mystery. No reason is assigned for the rash act, except that business had been duil lately. Decessed leaves a wife and six children. He was in middling circumstances.

ESSEX PRESHOLDERS HAPPY.

The Essex County (N. J.) Board of Freenolders for the current year held their first regular meeting yesterday in the new quarters provided for them at a cost of three thousand dollars less a few dollars City and county moneys deposited with the National Broadway Bank.

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Source of Wheeler, made a speech congratulatory of the Board, the Building Committee and Essex county, in the course of Which the Chamberlain of the said that, with a population of 143,907, or nearly one-sixth or the entire State, comprising within our limits a city the thirteenth in rank in the nation, with an assessed property valuation of over one hundred million dollars, the authorities of Essex county might well point with pride to the economical administration of its affairs by this body. Its war debt has been reduced to about one million nine hundred the conomical administration of its affairs by this body. Its war debt has been reduced to about one million nine hundred the conomical administration of its affairs by this body. Its war debt has been reduced to about one million nine hundred the conomical administration of the saffairs by this body. Its war debt has been reduced to about one million nine hundred the conomical administration of the saffairs by this body. Its war debt has been reduced to about one million nine hundred the conomical administration of the saffairs by this body. Its war debt has been reduced to about one million nine hundred the conomical administration of the entire State, comprising within our limits a city the thirteenth in rank in the nation, within an assessed property valuation of over one hundred million dollars, the authorities of Essex county, in the course of the principle of the conomical administration of the saffairs by the electron of the The presiding officer, Director Wheeler, made a

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Metropolitan Gossip.
Dan Bryant has returned to his old love, "Shoo

Thomas gives his fourth concert at Steinway Hall

this evening.

Messrs. Carroll and McCloskey are playing "Yankee Locke" at the Park, Brooklyn. "Nilsson, the plack nightingale," sings every

night at the San Francisco Minstreis.

Mrs. Conway has given Brooklyn a gorgeous entertainment in the romantic play of "Monte Cristo." "The White Crook" at the Comique threatens to rival in popularity its dark neighbor a block above. his hirsute highness is still indisposed, and his

debut indefinitely postponed.

Morris Simmons announces three performances by Mr. Sothern at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on this evening and to-morrow.

"John Garth" has met with such success at Waliack's that the arrangements for the production of other plays have been postponed.

Davies, the ventriloquist, is meeting with great success at the Union Square Theatre. The other attractions are the Mathews, the Lauris and a host of olio performers.

The Mathia Heron benefit promises to be a brilliant affair and a substantial testimonial to an accomplished lady, who was one of the brightest luminaries of the stage.

After the withdrawal of "Divorce"—which is still attracting crammed houses—Mr. Daly proposes to give a series of old comedies before introducing miss agnes Ethel in her beautiful character of Frou-

One of the best entertainments ever got up for children is the attractive bill at the New York Circus. Arr. Leus has in Mile. Rolland and Messra. Fish and Dutton the most daring and graceful ricers of the sawdust ring, and the pantonime of "Goody Two Shoes" is dazzling in the extreme. Hawley does some thriling acts in the acrobation.

It appears that the death of Colonel James Fisk, Jr., will not interfere with the present direction of the Grand Opera House, Lewis Baker and Joan F. Cole having an extended lease of the establishment. Joseph H. Tooker will continue the business management and James W. Morrissey will remain as treasurer. The Sunday concerts by the Ninth Regiment Band will be recommenced on the 21st instant, in the Fisk family interest, under the superintendence of Henry F. Jackson. This authorized announcement will undoubtedly be received with pleasure by the general public, but particularly by the numerous attaches of the establishment who have been so very solicitous while the matter has been in abeyance.

One of Rossini's earliest operas, "L'Inganno Fe lice," composed in 1812, is to be revived at the San Carlo in Naples.

an original Croat work entitled "Ljubavi Zloba," the music by Vatroslaw Lisinski, the book by Dr. Demeter, performed at the Agram Theatre at end of last mouth. The author did not live to en the fruits of his success, as he died in 1854.

The magistrates of Baden-Baden resolved in their last session to suggest to Richard Wagner in consideration of the honor and advantages connected with it that he should choose Baden-Baden for the model performances of his operas, which were originally intended to take place at Bayreuth, in Bayaria.

In Bayaria,

At the Strampfertheater of Vienna, among the principal novelties given at the beginning of the winter season, are "Frauenrechte," a conedy, in four acts, by Görlüt, of which the first two acts please, and an operetta entitled, "Cartouche," the music oy Heinrich Hoffmann and the words by Fellechner, which was well received.

The Parepa-Rosa Company.

This admirable assemblage of English opera artists have met with unprecedented success everywhere. They are at present in Albany. We give

the following extracts from the Western papers regarding the performances of this troupe;—

The Parepa-Rosa Opera Troupe closed their engagement in this city (Detroit) by the presentation of Mczart's chef d'augre, "Don Giovanni." The opera house was as densely packed as on either of the preceding evenings. The cast was a strong one, including, as it did, Parepa, Madame Van Zandt and ains Doria in leading parts, which they sustained in an admirable manner. Madame Van Zandt received au encore for the very fine manner in waith sie rendered the aria in the second scene of the second act, where Zerlina ingratuates herself again into Mascito's affections. The fluest thing of the evening, nowever, and the one that was the most appreciated by the audience, was the trio further on in the scene between Parepa, Miss Doria and Mr. Carl, unless we perhaps except the aria by Parepa at the close of the third act. Mr. Carl was called out the second time after a song in the same act. The hearty thanks of the music-loving portion of our citizens are due to Carl Ross for bringing so large a troupe to this city, and we are giad that his enterprise has been so well rewarded. Certainly no larger or liner houses have ever greeted the appearance of any troupe in this city. The rusa for

A Buffalo paper says:-The opera was put on the stage in splendid style in the first place. All the scenic effects were admirable, the Richmond fair in particular, being made to appear quite like the genuine article, the addition of a real Punch and Judy adding greatly to the vivacity of the scene. The choruses were full and fine, that at the close of the fourth act being and fine, that at the close of the fourth act being and fine, that at the close of the fourth act being specially well appreciated by the audience, as was manifested by their enthusias it appliause. Parepa sang the music of the rôle of Martha divinely. If there is any artiste living who can equal her in sustaining power in the upper register, in delicacy of enunciation and in exquisiteness of expression, we have yet to hear her. Her last note in the "Good Night" quartet, at the close of the third act, seemed to as the sweetest sound ever heard, and the "Last Night" quartet, at the close of the third act, seemed to us the sweetest sound ever heard, and the "Last Rose of Summer" was throughout intoxicating to the senses. Mrs. Seguin was charming as ever, and in fine voice, white Campbeil, Castle and Seguin acquitted themselves admirably.

THE LATE JAMES H. HACKETT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-

As we grow older and exchange the pleasures of hope for the pleasures of memory, old favorites who have long passed away reappear to the mind's eye in the same character and habiliments as when in the morning of life they ministered to our amusement, and touched at will the chords of tears or laughter, and we come to regard with a more tender feeling those who have passed from "this bank and shoal of time." Especially is this true when, in our estimate of a departed performer, respect for his character mingles with admiration for his taients.

How touchingly appropriate do the lines of the biographer of the departed veteran, George Holland, appear at this time in connection with the death of his contemporary and coadjutor, the late James H. Haekett, and now sympathetic will be the response in the hearts of all with whom he came in contact either in his social or professional career! In the admirably witten memoir of Mr. Hackett which appeared in the columns of the New York Herald a lew days since, not the least interesting feature was the reference made to the comedian's first wife, Miss Lee Sugg, and, deeming that anything of interest associated with one so recently passed from our midst might not be unwelcome to many readers of your journal, I take the liberty of sending for your inspection a curious old engraved portrait of that hady, which I have ever prized for its peculiar and unique association with the American stage.

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The portrait referred to, as you will perceive, is after a drawing from life, by Dighton, an eminent English artist of the last century, and was published in London, in 1895, by Mr. Lee Sugg, her father (nimsen a well known elocationist, who frequently gave exhibitions, which met with unqualified patronage).

The engraving bears the following inscription:—

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Miss Lee Scoo.

Born July 27, 1792.

Patronized by the Prince of Wales, at Brighton, August 29, 1802.

Rolla—"We serve a monarch whom we love—

A God whom we adore."

This child will perform every Thursday and Saturday evening, at seven o'clock, at the king's Arma, Cornhail, Dondon.

I cannot but believe the above to be of great rarity, for, with an experience of nearly fifteen years in the confecting of engravings, during which time probably over twenty-five thousand portraits have passed through my hands, I have never met with another copy, nor do I know of any one among the many collectors of dramatic matter who have ever seen the same. To not a few, therefore, I trust the knowledge of its existence may not, in thus bestowing it, be considered an encroachment on the valuable space in your paper.

In conclusion, may I not recur to a singular coincidence, that among the very many bygone favorites of the drama in New York, in its "haleyon days," that four of its most honored disciples have passed away within the dying year, almost within sound of the "Christmas chumes!" The names of James W. Wallack, George Holland, Feter Richings and James H. Hackett will not soon be forgotten. They, with many other familiar faces have gone to their long home—"to that bourne from which no traveler returns," Faded, scattered, gone—never more to be remaited in the same cast until the great Stage Manager cails them for rehearsai in that play upon which no arop ourta'n will ever descend—the spirit drama of immortality. Respectably yours,

New York, Dec. 6, 1871. Respectfully yours, New York, Dec. 6, 1871.

HOW SAVINGS ARE SAVED.

Will the Third Avenue Bank Weather the Gale !- A Plucky Craft and Plucky Sailors-Scenes and Incidents—The Bank Still Pays Dollar for Dollar-How Payments Are Made-Are Depositors Protected 1

Third Avenue Savings Bank, of which John H. Lyon is President, B. W. Van Voorhis and W. D. Bruns, Vice Presidents, and Messrs. S. K. Green, William A. Darling, James Stephens, William B. Harrison, James Owens, William D. Bruns, A. Stevens, Daniel Bates, N. Terpeny, John H. Lyon, Hiram M. Cool, James Monteith, B. W. Van Voornis and George L. Haight, Trustees. The attendance was larger than on the previous day. At nine o'clock the previous night the depositors commenced to collect, and at midnight a wide-awake policeman counted thirteen on the steps—this ten hours before the bank was announced to open. At half-past nine yesterday morning the solitary

At that hour seventy-two were admitted by ticket number was swelled by Sergeant Shultz, who admitted sufficient to make one hundred and sixty-one within the building. Payments commenced, and the first three were paid in fifteen minutes. At this haif-past ten the number had fallen to sixty; at forty-two minutes past ten the outsiders had railied getting in many of the frightened depositors made large offers to the police to advance them in the line, but their hopes were blasted by flat re-fusals. At ten minutes to twelve o'clock, when there were without not more than fifty persons, the wornout porter of the bank, Mr. James Cornell, pasted up the paper sign, "There are as mank within the bank as can be paid before three o'clock. The bank will be opened at ten o'clock A. M. tomorrow." The people looked at the bulletin, eld ladies and gentlemen adjusted their glasses to get the proper focus to enable them to read it, and, failing, appealed to younger eyes. Within ten minutes every one in the line was aware of the ruthirty of waiting, and a few moments later there were not more than twenty-five outlookers remaining. This number was without until the close for the day, at three o'clock, when a count showed that

ONE HUNDRED AND ONE PERSONS PAID. This was a large increase upon the previous day, and is accounted for by the fact that not one in twenty who were in line had more than one book. The Herald reporter timed Paying Teilers Mecks, Seaman, and another whose name could not ascertained, at stated periods, and the payments of books ran from three to seven minutes each. the "unknown," who has a slight cast in his eye, was paying for half an hour the payments were quite rapid, and his polite address sent each poo

was paying for half an hour the payments were quite rapid, and his polite address sent each poor man, woman and boy on his or her way (with money) rejoicing. Indeed, it is proper to say that all the paying tellers are polite, but during the presence of the reporter the latter paid rapidly and won many encomnums from the poor who were brought in contact with him.

The above is briefly a synopsis of vesterlay's work at the bank, but there were so many successful the same of the paying that the faithful chronicler cannot pass them over in a paragraph.

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The expose of the tricks of the depositors as given in the Herald has somewhat disarranged the plans of ail parties who desire to traffic in the savings of the poor. At half-past tweive o'clock a lady, the wife of a prominent business man, walked in, and on being challenged by the officer who kept the side door remarked, "I am a depositor." She was admitted, and reached the receiving teller's desk. Mr. Tuthill, actuary of the bank, called, "A depositor? The lady was politely escorted down the line and disappeared in the throng. At half-past two the lady made her exit past the reporter and the editor of a Westchester county paper, smiling and happy. She had made a deposit in the bank, or had drawn out funds. Mr. Lyon, the President, did not have detectives on duty yesterday—except upon reporters—and the withdrawais were not very large. One lady, at half-past one, presented three bank tooks, the first of which called for \$5,000, the second, \$500, and the third, \$2,400. She was a French lady, and counted her money in the presence of reporters and the police—total, \$7,000.

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may be referred to hereafter, it is proper to state one in this connection.

On Wednesday morning a depositor, who was first in the line, went to the reporters and stated his grievances, which were briefly that his sister-in-inw mad left her book in the bank, and, having a deposit on his own account, she gave him an order to draw for her. When he presented his book to Mr. Seaman the money was counted twice at one minute belore the closing hour, and it was not paid, as the clock had reached the hour. Later on the next day (yesterday) the gentleman approached the reporters and said:—

A PUFF FOR THE BANK.

"You reporters"—the editor of a stock paper who had been prominent in puffing the institution was present—"don't do this bank justice."

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"Why, you say that payments are slow. You don't count the payments made in the Tear.' I have just drawn \$2,000 on my sister-in-law's bank book, and have a check on a bank for the amount. I am going down to get it certified to, and will, perhaps, deposit here atter the run is over. That is not all. Just now I saw a man come in, go to Mr. Tutniil, with a cook representing four noughts (0000) and a one (i) before it—total, \$10,000. A check like mine was drawn by Mr. Lyon, and he left. You reporters who time payments don's do the insutution justice. They pay more out in the rear than they do to those in the line."

and, if the bank weathers the gate, he promises to redeposit.

Passing rapidly over many incidents that occurred yesterday, that would fill columns, the run may be summed up in a few words:

First—The trustees, disregarding the recommendation of Bank Examiner Howell, have not published a statement of assets and habilities, and depositors say they dare not.

Second—They misrepresent the actual condition of the bank, put on siniles, call in loans, and wait for the end—that may come some time in the dog days.

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Third—They want the press to quiet down the excitement, but have, so far, failed.

Fourth—A gentleman who will to day at an early hour take his piace in the line to receive his cash on one book yesterday openly declared to a police officer that

officer that

ONE OF THE TRUSTEES

had attempted to buy his book and those of others.

When interviewed by the Herall reporter he remarked that as ne was well up in the line and noped to get his money to-day he did not want to make his statement until after he had secured it. For the credit of one of the trustees, it is to be hoped that the depositor who will be paid early to-day has mistaken some one for Mr.——, a trustee.

It is the duty of the journalist to record all authentic information, and there it ends.

PAY THE FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN. NEW YORK, Jan. 12, 1872. To the Editor of the Herald:— When poor men want a favor from some high

government officer they generally apply for the same through the means of some influential friend. Now, everybody that knows anything knows that the HERALD has great influence, and that this influence is felt everywhere, in this country, at least. Why, I am very sure that it was the HERALD that first nominated General Grant for the Presidency, long before the politicians thought of him. It is also well known that the Herald uses its influence for worthy objects only. Now I and many of my comrades want a favor; but we are poor men and hardly know where to apply, so we resolved to try you and see if you would say a good word for us to the Legislature of this State. We, the firemen (and the policemen, too) of this city, have rendered the city honest service, but we have not yet been paid for the last month's service. When, recently, people wished each other "Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year," many of us did not know where our next month's rent was coming from not to speak of how we were to meet our grocers buils. It was not a "merry Christmas" for most of our. If our positions were sinecures we would not feet so bad about it; but we are on duty twenty-four hours every day; and we receive about eleven and a half cents per hour, and each hour we are willing to (and often do) risk our lives and health for the safety of your and other people's property. We have no sinecures. Our friends are mostly all poor and cannot help us, even were we to ask them, if we ask those who ought to know "When whi we be paid?" they smis, maybe, or frown, and say "Next May." This delay of our dues has caused much suffering to some of us. Won't you please speak a good word for us?

A FIREMAN. first nominated General Grant for the Presidency,

THE WILLIAMSBURG DISPENSARY. At a meeting last night of the Trustees of the

Williamsburg Dispensary, the following named R. Thomas. President; Captain Nathaniel Briggs and John McCann, Vice Presidents; H. H. Robert-son, Secretary; John Broach, Treasurer, and Hiram P. Hardenstle, Apothecary. During the past year 1,642 Datients received treatment as this institution.

NEW YORK CITY.

George Brew, aged twenty-three, a clerk in the employ of Samuel Cantrell, of 949 Broadway, was conveyed before Justice Ledwith, at Jefferson Market, yesterday morning, and pleaded guilty to embezzling \$35 in money from his employer on Wednesday. He was fully committed for trial.

Stewart Wilson, aged fifty years, a reputed noto-Stewart Wilson, aged fifty years, a reputed noto-rious pocketbook dropper, was found by an officer in the Twentieth ward, on Wednesday night, grossly intoxicated, and conveyed to the station house. Yesterday morning he was conveyed before Justice Ledwith and fined \$10; but, being short of funds, he will probably spend the next ten days on the Island. In his possession were found several bogus \$20 gold pieces.

John Smith and William Bennett, both young boys, were detected yesterday morning in the act of attempting to force open the door of the tobacco-wagon of Christian Lenger, of 161 West Twenty-sixth street. They were conveyed before Justice Ledwith, at Jefferson Market, where a complaint was preferred against them, charging them with attempting to steal a quantity of tobacco, valued at \$3.0. They were locked up to answer the charge.

who was shot through the abdomen two or three nights ago by the explosion of a small cannon in front of 92 Cherry street, died late yesterday afternoon in the Centre Street Hospital. A ramfod in the cannon at the time passed nearly through the body of deceased. Deceased was an Irish sallor boy and had been but fourteen days in the country. He boarded at No. 11 Hamitton street. George De Wald and Daniel McArdle, who had charge of the cannon, were arrested at the time. Coroner Keenan will make an investigation.

The first course of lectures for the winter of 1871-2 given under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is nearing of the American Institute of Architects is nearing the close, and the second course will commence on the first Monday in February. The course so far has comprised weekly lectures by Mr. R. G. Hatheld on "Constructive Architecture," and by Mr. Russel ISturgis, Jr., on "Its Asthetics." Aiso a series on "Hospitals," by Mr. Carl Pielfer, and another series by the Secretary, Mr. A. J. Bloor, on "Landscape Architecture." Mr. Bloor has also lectured on "Common Sense in Future American Architecture," Mr. L. W. Robinson has held during the course, for the benefit of the juntor members, a weekly class in mathematics, as preparatory to the lecture on "Construction."

A meeting of the Franklin Statue Committee was held yesterday afternoon at the Astor House. Present, Messrs. Forsey, Smith, Howard, Taylor, Present, Messrs. Forsey, Smith, Howard, Taylor, Barkes and Baker. It was unanimously resolved that George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger; Governor Hawley, Colonel T. B. Thorpe, the Mayors of Philadelphia and Boston, Rev. J. A. Spencer, Eugene Casseriy, Peter Cooper, Rev. Richard B. Duane (a great grandson of Franklin), and General Cochrane should be added to the list of invited guests, and that Dr. Prime be asked to act as chairman at the Danquet. The committee wish it to be understood that the number of tickets is necessarily. Ilmited: therefore application for them should be made at once to Mr. England, the Secretary.

THE SEVENTH WARD MYSTERY. It is Not Yet Cleared Up-Coroner's Investi-

gation Adjourned for Further Testimony.
At ten o'clock yesterday morning Coroner Schir mer commenced an investigation into the circumstances attending the death of the man whose Market street, Newark, N. J., who was found lying dead in the hallway of premises 53 Oak street at four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. An hour previously deceased was discovered lying flat on the pavement in front of White's groggery, 214 Monroe street (Seventh ward), in a state of insensibility, with a deep wound on the side of his nose and a scalp wound on the back of the head. Among all the witnesses examined yesterday it was remarkable that none of them knew where deceased came from before he was found bleeding on the walk; whether he fell or was knocked down. Neither aid they know the names of the two men who took the deceased from the Seventh to the Fourth ward and picton prevailing in the minds of many who listened to the investigation that some of the witnesses failed to tell all they knew concerning the death of the stranger. There was no evidence to show that deceased was intoxicated, and Dr. Cushman, who made the post-mortem examination, is of the opinion that deceased was a man of temperate habits. The belief that deceased received a murderous blow is on the increase. Below will be found the material portions of the testimony elicited:—

thing of the occurrence; nearly noting as easily exper.
Vincent Triflet, barkeeper for Mr. White, testified that when the saw a crowd out a sidewalk, mearly fronting the house, and going out saw a to lying on the sidewalk, with blood on his face; some one ked for water, and the witness got some, with which to ash off the blood; don't know how deceased was injured; and the blood; don't know how deceased was injured;

ne was not in the porter souse, and never saw him before.

Other witnesses were examined, but they seemed to know nothing about the matter, and to give Captain Allaire, of the Fourth precinct, an opportunity to make further investigation in regard to the mystery Coroner Schirmer adjourned the further investigation till Monday next.

BROOKLYN AFFAIRS.

Another New Hospital. A new hospital has just been established at 1,702 Fulton avenue, near Schenectady. This institution

is in connection with the Church Charity Founda-tion of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and will be in charge of two Protestant Sisters. Yesterday Daniel F. Jones, the Hack Inspector of Brooklyn, returned to the city the sum of \$6,140. the amount of taxes received from the city railroad companies as taxes. The companies are charged \$20 for each car they run.

Brooklyn Mortality. Brooklyn Mortality.

The mortuary report from the Board of Health shows the number of deaths in Brooklyn during the past week to have been 184, a decrease of 36 from the mortuary of the previous week. Of the deceased 38 were men, 47 women, 56 boys and 43 girls. There were 28 deaths from smallpox.

A Fatal Fall. Daniel Shea, while under the influence of liquor, on Wednesday night, fell from the steps of the

liquor saloon of William Oldheim, 65 Van Dyke street, and sustained injuries from which he died while being conveyed to the Third sub-precinct station house. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon the corner stone of Dr. Scudder's new church, in course of

construction on Hancock street, near Franklin avenue, was laid in the presence of a large gathering of the congregation. The edifice is quite large and capable of accommodating a congregation of 2,500. It is 131 feet in width and 80 feet deep, and the cost, when completed, will be about \$53,000. THE NEWTOWN PRAUDS.

The Bill as Presented by the Committee. Yesterday the Board of Supervisors of Queens County met at Jamaica to hear the report of the special committee to whom was referred the bills of the justices and constables of Newtown. The comthe justices and constables of Newtown. The committee reported progress. They had examined the bills of the justices and recommended the following:—That the bill of Michael Delahanty, \$1,733, be reduced to \$585, a reduction of \$1,175; that the bill of Francis McKenna, \$2,825, be reduced to \$1,646, a reduction of \$1,178; that the bill of Miles Burks, \$2,805, be reduced to \$1,111, a reduction of \$1,496; that the bill of Justice Madden, \$940, be reduced to \$22, a reduction of \$917. Total amount of bills investigated, \$8,107; which were reduced to \$3,368, a reduction of \$4,750. The Board then adjourned, and the committee proceededed to the investigation of the constables' bills.

"THE FAT CONTRIBUTOR." Mr. A. Miner Griswold, whose nom de plume of

"The Fat Contributor" is so intimately and favor-ably connected with humorous literature in America, will make his first appearance as a lecstreet, with make his first appearance as a lec-turer in this city on Tuesday evening, leth inst., at St. Peter's Hall. Twenty-third street. Mr. Gris-wold has met with the most flattering success a nerever he has lectured and his wit and humor are of the irresistible order. Those who would spend an evening of fun and enjoyment have an excellent opport, unity now to gratify their whites.

FLOOD AND FLAME.

An Italian Railway Swept Away and the

Arsenal of Venice Burned. Furious Hurricane on the Coast of Calabria-A Railway Destroyed and Dwellings and Prop-

erty Swept Away-The Burning of the

Arsenal of Venice-Grand Spectacle

Presented by the Conflagration.

The Economista & Italia of December 13, a paper published in Rome, has the following account of the late disastrous hurricane on the coast of Cala-

"A most furious hurricane has burst over the coast of Calabria. The ratiway between Bianconovo and citoissa, which is a portion of the Reggio Roculio line, is amost entirely destroyed. Little more than one kilometre remains visible, and the embankments for controlling torrents have been carried away. Private property has also suffered immensely, and many houses at Ardare, Siderno and other places have been totally destroyed. At Bovalino dwellings were carried away by the flood, as well as several storehouses filled with oil.

"The damages are estimated at not less than two million livres."

The Destruction of the Venice Arsenal-

picion of Invendiarism.

At one o'clock on the morning of the 12th of December a fire broke out with great violence in the Arsenal of Venice, in that portion of the building lately occupied by the Directors of Armament and official contracts. The locality referred to is situated between the canals of the part of the city known as "Le Stoppar" and the spacious yards in which ships' cables, old guns and other superfluour gear are deposited, and in the vicinity of the an-cient gates of the Arsenai, where the great fire of 1856 originated. The cause is unknown, and is a yet attributed to accident, but the Admiral in command proposes to make an immediate investiga-tion. A strong wind blowing from the northwe proved favorable, for it hurled

THE STARES AND FIREBRANDS in a direction opposite several magazines, the ex-plosion of which would have sacrificed many hundreds of lives. The wind, however, fed the fire in its own direction, but the wise directions of the Admiral and the indefatigable efforts of the troops

Admiral and the indefatigable efforts of the troops and firemen, who had concentrated their forces at the Arsenal from all parts of the city, succeeded at length in abating the fury of the flames.

The spectacle was wildly grand.

THE MONSTER FLAMES
rose like mountains of fire over this level "City of the Sea." Sparks, tiles and large pieces of burned wood were driven on all sides with volcanic force by the strong wind as lar as the kiva degli Schlavoni. One of the firebrands set fire to a chateau near

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THE BRIDGE OF THE HOUSE OF GOD

(il ponte della Casa di Dio). The principal operations undertaken to protect the marazunes were directed by Colonel Morandi, who has charac of the marine artillery, with remarkable energy and presence of mind. The firemen were commanded by Merry-weather—a strange-sounding name for a Venetian. The removal of powder from the magazines and a large quantity of cartridges from the barrack stores was performed with great precision. While the fire was razing the steam pamp used by the firemen was disabled. The announcement of this faca almost created a panic in the city. After an hours delay a boat was rowed up the nearest canal, bearing a steam cistern on board, which, being worked by very powerful machines, helped to a great extent in extinguishing the fire. The arrival of the steam cistern was

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HAILED WITH DEAFENING CHEERS.

The two admirals stationed at Venice, all the colonels and military authorities, General Matief, President of the Roteo; General Manin, the Prefect of Venice; the Procurator Superior and the Procurator of the King; the Questor, all the city officials, hastened to the scene of the configration. About five firemen were mortality wonneded and one killed instantaneously. The damages of the fire may be estimated as equivalent to \$300,000.

BURGLARS AT WORK.

Three Boys Enter a House in West Forty. third Street and Carry Off \$400 Worth of

Goods—Two of the Thieves Arrested.
At an early hour yesterday morning Officer Dorsey, of the Sixth precinct, noticed three boys going through Baxter street, wearing each a fine over coat—so fine, indeed, that it contrasted strangely the other clothing worn by the Following them a short distance he became satisfied that all was not right and so arrested them, or at least two of them, the third one managing to escape. In the pockets of the overcoats Dorsey found a quantity of silver table ware, consisting of two knife and fork holders, a sugar bowl and two egg cubs, all of which, together with the coats, the boys failed to give any satisfac house and securely locked up. Looking over the was Officer Dorsey discovered the name of the tailor who had made the coass by the suspending strays, which bore his name. He at once sought out this individual, and from him ascertained that the property belonged to Mr. Lansing C. Moore, of No. 124 West Forty-third street. Mr. Moore was the property belonged to Mr. Lansing C. Moore, of No. 124 West Forty-third street. Mr. Moore was next sought for and found, and upon being shown the coats and silverware at once identified them as his property. He said that during the night previous his house had been entered by burgiars, who forced the vault cover, and, passing through the cellar, gained access to the dining room, from which they took not only the property the officer had recovered, but a lot of jewelry, damask fable cloths and silver, to the value of about four hundred dollars. On being arraigned at the Torobs the two prisoners gave their names as Michael Campbell and John Masters, and in default of ball were locked up.

New York vs. Brooklyn.

There was a large crowd of spectators gatheres around the eastern end of the large lake at Central Park yesterday, witnessing the interesting curling contest between the players of the Brooklyn Club and the St. Andrew's, of this city. The condition of the ice prevented more than two rinks being formed for the match, and even then they had to change ends before the match was over, owing to the softening of the ice. The game was closely con-tested on both sides, the St. Andrew's players havtested on both sides, the St. Andrew's players having tough customers to cope with at rink No. 2,
where those two experienced skips, Messrz. H. Keilock and A. Dairympie, were opposed to each other,
at the other rink J. Henderson had an easy task in
defeating J. Nichol. The final result was the success of the St. Andrew's Club by a majority of fiveshots; a close contest. The following is the scere:—

ST. ANDREWS. MINE NO. 1. BROOKLYN.

SKATING.

There was fully five thousand people on the large lake yesterday afternoon at Central Park, and so great was the pressure that the lake had to be cleared at half-past four o'clock. There will be ne-skating to-day at the Park.

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(From the Virginia (Nev.) Enterprise, Dec. 23.)

The dog and wideat fight came off last night, according to programme. At first a number of curs were put into the cage, but none stood more than one or two curs from the paws of the cat, and some would not even face her, and whined to be let out, not at all relishing close proximity to a companion so disagreeable and spiteful. At length some outsider brought in a large white dog, in appearance about half buil. The new dog did not meet with a very flattering reception—at least the remarks passed upon his appearance were not very flavorable. Alost of those present thought one of two rakes from the cat would spoil his appetus for cat's meat. But although he only expressed his thirst for the ray by a few whitnes, as he looked in upon his caged antagonist, his little stump tail stood perfectly erect and vibrated "joyously." When let into the cage he went for the cat, and kept going for it under all sorts of disadvantages; for a high snelf was erected on one side of the cage, upon which the cat took refuge, and from which she—we believe all while cats are she—would spring down upon the back of the dog. At last the dog got a good hold upon the cat, and made it so rough for her that she could not again get upon her shelf. Although the white hair of the dog was statued in his flanks and upon his shoulders with patches of blood, his little stump tail stood as erect as ever, and many and loud were the encommums upon his industry and courage. He would, doubtless, have killed the cat had he not ween taken out of the dog, but, of course, with no takers.